

SAYS SPIES DELAY U. S. AIR PROGRAM

Senator Overman Declares Foes Work in Curtiss Airplane Factory.

PAINT HIDES CUT IN BRACES

North Carolina Solon Urges Secretary of War to Commandeer Plant and Oust Kaiser's Agents—Machines Tampered With.

Washington, March 30.—Stirred by charges in the senate of delays in the aircraft program, the senate military committee summoned on Thursday Major General Squier and Colonel Deeds of the signal corps, in charge of aircraft production, and Howard Coffin, chairman of the aircraft board, to appear immediately.

Charges that German spies were responsible for this country's failure to keep up its airplane program, were made in the senate by Senator Overman, Democrat, of North Carolina. He also charged that there were spies in the Curtiss plant.

"If I were secretary of war, I would commandeer the Curtiss plant and put out every man employed there and hire Americans in their places," declared Senator Overman.

Senator Overman declared spies took metal braces and, sawing them in two, joined the pieces with lead and then painted them over. The first Bristol machine tried fell. An investigation disclosed the defect.

Many other pieces also had been tampered with, and as a result the building of Bristol machines was delayed two months, while inspectors and government agents went over and closely examined the various parts to replace tampered pieces.

Senator Overman stated that it had been said there are 100,000 German spies in this country, but he believed there are 400,000. He said he was making no charge against any employee of the Curtiss plant, but asserted that some of their names sound un-American, and added that "we do know that spies are in the plant and that they have delayed the delivery of machines."

Mr. Overman announced that his information had been obtained from a detective whose name he intended giving to Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, so that he and others can be summoned before the military committee.

WOULD OUST LA FOLLETTE

Williams Urges Expulsion of Wisconsin Senator and Declares Berger Should Be Interned.

Washington, March 30.—Partisan feeling flared up in the senate again on Thursday when Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, renewed his attack upon Representative Lenroot, Republican candidate for the senate in Wisconsin, whom he charged on Wednesday with being lukewarm in loyalty to the government in the war. The Mississippi senator declared Senator La Follette of Wisconsin should be expelled, and that former Representative Victor Berger, the Socialist candidate for senator, ought to be interned. Republican senators defended Mr. Lenroot.

U. S. BUYS 12 JAP SHIPS

Tokyo Gives 100,000 Tons in Exchange for Steel—Transfer of 200,000 Tons Near.

Washington, March 30.—Formal announcement on Thursday by the war trade board of the new shipping arrangement between the United States and Japan shows that Japan is to turn over to the American fleet immediately twelve big steamers of 100,000 tons dead weight capacity, in return for steel supplies. Negotiations are proceeding for the transfer of 200,000 tons of new construction on the same basis.

BRITISH TAKE 3,000 TURKS

Entire Ottoman Force in the Hit Area in Mesopotamia Captured or Destroyed.

London, March 30.—The entire Turkish force in the Hit area in Mesopotamia has been captured or destroyed by the British, the war office announces. Three thousand prisoners were taken. A further advance by the British forces, which have crossed the River Jordan, Palestine, is announced by the war office.

Wilson to Be Cambridge LL. D.

London, March 30.—President Wilson, the Press association says, has expressed his willingness to accept the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Cambridge university.

Russ Again Fight Germans.

London, March 28.—Resumption of fighting in Ukraine between the Germans and the bolsheviks is reported in a Renter dispatch from Petrograd. The bolsheviks are said to have recaptured the city of Kherson.

CHESTER W. CUTHELL



Chester W. Cuthell, thirty-four years old, general counsel of the Emergency Fleet corporation, is the youngest man who holds a similar position for the government. He succeeded Judge John Barton Payne, who has been made legal adviser to the director general of railroads.

REASONS FOR SECRECY

PUBLICATION OF ADDRESSES OF U. S. SOLDIERS AIDS ENEMY.

Gen. March Also Says Under Old System Claim Agents Harass Kin.

Washington, March 28.—An official statement of the war department's reasons for announcing only the names of American troops killed or wounded in France was submitted to the senate by Major General March, acting chief of staff, with a statement that the department considers it of best advantage from all points of view.

General March said the old system of giving addresses and other details, gave information to the enemy and brought swarms of claim agents to harass the relatives of the men.

The policy of the war department, General March told the senate, is "to put in the hands of the nearest relative or the last friend given by the soldier in his emergency address, prompt and accurate information concerning the casualty before anything is given to the press and to prevent any information appearing in the papers which will be of any possible assistance to the German cause."

"The old system," General March added, "which gave the date of the casualty, enabled the Germans to get exactly what effect was produced upon our troops in a raid of that date."

"The raids which are being conducted along our front are for the purpose of capturing one soldier, if possible, with the object of obtaining from him information about the organization which is opposed to the German lines at this point. With the publication of the address of the nearest relative the German agent in the United States approaches the relatives and obtains from them the information which Germany is attempting to obtain from our front by attacks on our forces."

"The whole matter of a change in our former method in publishing casualty lists was brought up by a cablegram from General Pershing, in which he stated that representatives of the French government had formally protested against the methods that were then used."

WHEAT SEIZED BY THE U. S.

Grain Held by German Farmers in New Mexico Taken in Food Administration's Order.

Washington, March 29.—Wheat hoarded with unpatriotic intent will be seized by the food administration. Already 350,000 pounds belonging to Kempenich brothers, farmers of German extraction in New Mexico, has been taken and orders have gone out to state administrators to act promptly when hoarding is discovered. Large holders will be given opportunity to sell before their grain is seized. Allowance also will be made for personal requirements.

O. K. URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL

House Adopts Conference Report on Measure Carrying \$1,150,000,000—Sent to Wilson.

Washington, March 28.—The house adopted the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$1,150,000,000, providing for the sale of enemy property in the United States and giving the government power to purchase German owned docks at Hoboken, N. J. The senate adopted the report and the bill now goes to President Wilson.

Two Flyers Are Killed.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 1.—While doing solo flying here F. J. Dwyer, Royal Flying corps, whose home was in Scotland, and J. Scott Rowan of Montreal, Canada, were instantly killed when their planes crashed to earth.

Russian Warship Is Sunk.

London, April 1.—The sinking by a mine in the harbor at Reval, on the Gulf of Finland, of the Russian cruiser Admiral Makasoff is reported in a Petrograd dispatch to Copenhagen, as forwarded from that point.

GEN. FOCH MADE CHIEF OF ARMIES

Famous French Commander Appointed Generalissimo of Allied Forces.

U. S. TROOPS TO ENTER FIGHT

Pershing Notifies War Department That American Divisions and Resources Will Be Used in Great Battle if Needed.

Washington, April 1.—The war department received the following cablegram on Friday night from General Pershing:

"Have made all our resources available and our divisions will be used if needed.

"French are in fine spirit and both armies seem confident.

"PERSHING." The American forces in France are now part of the great allied army that is to meet the German thrust with a counter-attack.

The counter-attack may be under way already, for the allied armies are now under command of General Foch, who, if he has not been by this time named generalissimo of all the allied forces, is so in fact, and he is noted for his suddenness and aggressiveness.

It was Foch who directed the attack on the German left flank at the Marne hat won the battle and saved Paris in 1914.

The soldier folk who have studied the strategy of the war from the beginning tell us that Foch anticipated orders in this decisive move; that General Joffre's order for the advance was not given until two hours after his subordinate had started and two hours meant much when the enemy was within seventeen miles of Paris, with an unbroken record of victory driving him on.

Washington got the news of the triumph of the Wilson plan of unified command when a message was given out at the White House conveying the president's congratulations to the generalissimo.

This was dispatched after the cabinet had learned of the offer of Pershing to the high chief of all the forces of America for use in the coming battle.

The cable to General Foch was as follows:

"May I not convey to you my sincere congratulations on your new authority? Such unity of command is a most hopeful augury of ultimate success. We are following with profound interest the bold and brilliant action of your forces.

"WOODROW WILSON."

NEW DRAFT BILL IS PASSED

Men Becoming of Age Since June 5 Will Register Under Selective Army Service Act.

Washington, April 1.—The resolution amending the selective draft act by requiring registration of youths reaching twenty-one years since June 5, 1917, and estimated to add 700,000 more men to the roll of eligibles, was adopted by the senate. It now goes to the house.

Senator New's amendment providing for compulsory universal military training of men between nineteen and twenty-one years, but deferring their military service until after majority, was rejected by the senate, 36 to 23.

As adopted, the resolution provides that all male citizens of the United States residing in this country, attaining their majority since June 5 last, shall be subject to registration, under regulations prescribed by the president; shall present themselves for registration on a day proclaimed by the president, and thereafter shall be liable to military service.

75 KILLED IN PARIS BY SHELL

Long-Range Hun Gun Slays Women and Children During Good Friday Services.

Paris, April 1.—Seventy-five persons were killed and ninety wounded, most of them women and children, when a shell fired by a German long-range gun fell on a church in the region of Paris while Good Friday services were being held, according to an official communication issued here.

Among those killed was H. Stroehlin, counselor of the Swiss legation in Paris.

The same church was struck by a shell during the celebration of high mass last Sunday and many casualties resulted.

The long-range bombardment was begun shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Americans on Italian Front. Italian Army Headquarters, April 1.—Ambassador Page has arrived here from Rome, and with General Swift and other members of the American military mission visited General Diaz at headquarters.

Order Freight Embargoes.

Washington, April 1.—Embargoes against consignees who fail to unload their freight promptly were ordered by the railway administration. As a result of the order two new committees are created.

MARK HYMAN



Mark Hyman, who for several years has been special assistant to the attorney general for antitrust investigations, is now assisting Assistant Attorney General Todd in the Hog Island inquiry.

RUSS RETAKE ODESSA

BLACK SEA PORT RECAPTURED BY SOVIET TROOPS.

Naval Forces Also Take Part in Bloody Battle—Slavs Slay Huns at Pskov.

London, March 29.—Odessa has been recaptured by the soviet and Ukrainian troops after a bloody battle, in which naval forces took part, according to a Moscow dispatch from the semi-official news agency.

Moscow, March 29.—Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the German emperor, and one of his sons have arrived at Reval, Estonia. They were greeted heartily by the German population, but the Estonians refused to participate in the reception. The visit is attributed to a desire to create pro-German feeling in the Baltic provinces.

The Germans are busy collecting and exporting breadstuffs from the Pskov district, northeast of Dvinsk. At Perchorskaya, near Pskov, 40 members of German detachments requisitioning bread were killed by the peasants.

A bolshevik supreme war council has been formed to take charge of army organizations. Leon Trotsky has been appointed chairman of the council. Agents are being sent from Moscow into all the provinces to organize the peasants to supplement the efforts of the city workmen in opposing the Germans. Volunteers will be called for, after which local committees will prepare lists of men refusing to volunteer and will post them publicly. To all shirkers will be denied the right to participate in public affairs.

Bolshevik troops, an official announcement says, have been successful in fighting the Austrians in the southern Ukraine. The cities of Ukolayev, Kherson and Zmianka have been captured by the Russians.

MAJ. GEN. WOOD PASSES TEST

Commander Will Be Returned to His Division at Camp Funston, Kan.—May Go to Front Later.

Washington, April 1.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood has passed his physical examination for active service at the front and will be returned to command his division at Camp Funston, Kan. This disposes of rumors that through the rigid test to which all general officers who are to take the field in France are subjected the administration was preparing to shelve General Wood, senior major general on the active list of the army.

28 BRITISH SHIPS ARE SUNK

Submarines and Mines Increase Weekly Toll of Vessels Owned by England.

London, March 29.—Submarines and mines have increased their weekly toll of British shipping. The admiral's report issued on Wednesday shows that in the last week 28 merchantmen were sunk, 16 of the vessels being 1,000 tons or over and 12 under that tonnage. One fishing vessel was lost.

Ships Sink Three Divers.

Liverpool, March 28.—Three Liverpool vessels have sunk three German submarines in the Atlantic recently, and it is now permitted to relate the circumstances.

Detroit Flyer Is Killed.

Paris, April 1.—Phelps Collins of Detroit, a member of the Lafayette flying corps, was killed in an air fight on the French front. While on patrol duty Collins was attacked by a number of German machines.

Prince Offered New Crown.

Amsterdam, April 1.—The ducal crown of Lithuania has been offered and probably will be accepted by Duke William of Urach, according to an announcement made on Thursday by the Frankfurter Zeitung.

MUST MARKET WHEAT

Government Wants Grain and Will Seize It Unless Released, Orders Reach State Administrator.

Farmers must market their wheat or the government will requisition it, according to orders received from Washington by the state food administration. The government wants it for war purposes. "Requisition the wheat of those who are holding it with a desire to obstruct the government" is the order which came to State Food Administrator Wattles. Orders to county food administrators, asking them to report all cases in Nebraska where wheat is being held on the farms with the hope of obstructing the government, were sent from Food Administrator Wattles' office. As soon as these reports are received, action, following the request of Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator, will be taken by the Nebraska administration to get this wheat to market.

If the legislature follows the suggestion of Governor Neville, and passes the soldiers' voting bill in its present form, Nebraska soldiers in France will participate in the coming state election. They will vote by mail.

An expert who investigated fall wheat in Cheyenne county reported, after viewing 426 farms which are sowed to fall wheat, that only five are not 100 per cent perfect. Cheyenne county has a larger acreage of fall wheat than ever before.

Nebraska's quota of the third Liberty loan will be \$31,342,800. This is slightly higher than the minimum quota and much lower than the maximum quota for Nebraska on the second Liberty loan, which were respectively \$29,640,000 and \$49,400,000.

Oil drillers at work near Red Cloud have reached a depth of 2,325 feet. A considerable trace of oil appears in the formation brought up. Prospects for finding oil could not be better, according to experts on the ground.

The United Brotherhood of St. Louis has sent an urgent appeal to the state legislature in session at Lincoln to ratify the federal prohibition amendment during the present session.

The squabble between citizens of Red Cloud and vicinity and various telephone companies doing business in the district is to be aired by the State Railway Commission at a hearing at Red Cloud May 1.

The executive committee of the Nebraska State Press association at a meeting at Grand Island filed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 20, 21 and 22, as the dates for the midsummer meeting at Omaha.

A \$100,000 issue of school bonds carried in a special election at Hastings. The money will be used to complete the \$300,000 of school buildings including the new junior normal.

The state food administration has urged the Fremont canning factory to secure as large an acreage as possible this season, in view of the heavy demand for food products.

Governor Neville issued a proclamation asking Nebraskans, on April 3, the date of America's entry into the world war, to devote their efforts in promoting the third Liberty loan.

Mayor Dahlman of Omaha has issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the city to observe the new daylight saving regulation, which became effective last Sunday.

A non-partisan league meeting scheduled to be held at Wahoo was forbidden to take place by the city authorities on a suggestion of the Saunders County Council of Defense.

A complete automobile ambulance outfit for American troops in France is to be equipped by the Nebraska G. A. R.

After twenty-seven years of service Omaha's chief of police, Henry Dunn, resigned his position because of poor health.

A Red Cross auction sale held at Gothenburg netted \$7,000. A goose was sold 650 times and each time sold for a dollar.

The hearing of Miss Lyda McMahon, former superintendent of the girls' industrial school at Geneva, will be held April 17.

A big sign reading "Closed Till After the War," appears across the Columbia society hall door at Norfolk. The hall formerly was known as the German hall. The society changed its name recently from the Landwehr Verein to the Columbia society.

According to a survey made by State Food Administrator Wattles, mills of Nebraska can turn out 447,000 barrels of cornmeal, 6,300 barrels of hominy and grits, 63,500 barrels of corn flour, and 18,700 barrels of barley every 30 days.

A service flag with 1,652 stars was unfurled at the Union Pacific headquarters at Omaha. It carries the greatest number of stars of any service flag in Nebraska. The stars indicate the number of young men from the Nebraska division who have joined the colors.

A recent order from the war department places all radio buzzer schools in Nebraska under the supervision of the state board for vocational education and hereafter all reports to the government will be made through the Nebraska office.

Ward M. Burgess, state director of the war saving campaign, has received a letter from D. B. Kinnison of David City in which Mr. Kinnison offers to turn his 50-acre farm over to the government for the period of five years, or for the duration of the war, all the proceeds above the actual expenses of operation and living for Mr. Kinnison and his family to go to the government.

A war saving stamp contest was staged recently in the public school at Stapleton. Sides were chosen and March 22 was set as the date on which the contest should close. The final count showed the total amount of stamps bought to be \$1,450, or an average of about \$14 to the pupil.

J. M. Gillan, head of the industrial bureau of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce estimates that more than 3,000 carloads of potatoes, valued at \$2,000,000, are rotting in cellars of Nebraska farmers because there is no market for them.

State Secretary of Agriculture Danielson announced that machinery men are making their entries for the state fair early this year, and indications point towards one of the largest machinery exhibits in the history of the fair.

According to a report issued by the government census bureau there are 129,563 farmers in Nebraska. Three hundred and eighteen are listed as dairy farmers, 2,567 as stock raisers, fifteen as apairists and 154 as corn shellers.

"The drive on the western front is Germany's supreme effort to call off the war before America gets into action," said Prof. F. M. Fling, head of the European history department of the University of Nebraska, at class lecture at Lincoln.

That Nebraska women are to do their part in the third Liberty loan campaign is evidenced by the announcement of Mrs. A. G. Paterson of Aurora, that chairmen in 72 counties have been appointed.

Farmers will have to pay \$75 a month for hired hands this season, and they will be hard to get at that price, according to C. W. Pugsley, of the state university agricultural extension department.

The smallpox quarantine at Kearney has been lifted after three weeks forced vacation of the school children. Theaters are again permitted to operate and public meetings may be held.

Work on the new home for the Elkhorn Valley State bank at Stanton was begun just recently. The building will be one of the finest of the kind in the state when completed.

It is reported that Senator Adam McMullen of Gage county will be a candidate for the republican nomination for congress in the Fourth district.

Uniforms have been ordered for the Albion home guards. The company drills once a week and is developing into one of the most proficient units in the state.

Extensive tests made in the laboratory of the high school at Fremont, show that only 48.20 per cent of seed corn from last year's crop in Dodge county possesses vitality.

Farmers along the Union Pacific line in Nebraska have been requested to co-operate with the company in preventing destruction of crops by fire caused from locomotive sparks.

The third Liberty loan quota for the Kansas City district, which includes all of Nebraska, is \$130,000,000, an increase of \$10,000,000 over the second loan.

Postmaster Wahlquist of Hastings reported a total sale of over \$508,000 worth of war stamps, placing Adams county in the lead from per capita standpoint.

Fifteen hundred bushels of white corn is being made into cornmeal every day at the Cooper mills in Humboldt, Richardson county.

State Treasurer Hall now has \$500,000 of state funds in depository banks that are paying the state 5 per cent interest for the use of the money.

The Ulysses Dispatch, published by T. S. Greer, has been purchased by O. D. Kratzer, owner and editor of the Garrison News.

The Nebraska Base Hospital unit No. 49 left Omaha for Fort Des Moines last Tuesday for a period of intensive training.

As the result of an epidemic of smallpox in Omaha, all school children in the city are to be vaccinated.

A request to Nebraska factory owners to secure gardening land for their employees, to make it possible for these workers to help with the food production has been made by Mrs. Fred M. Dewese, chairman of the food production division of the woman's committee of the Council of Defense.

Deposits in 930 state banks of Nebraska gained \$27,001,558.28 since last November, and \$59,000,000 over a year ago. Deposits now total \$250,500,824.74, according to a summary by Secretary J. J. Tooley of the state banking board.

The second will purporting to have been made by John O'Connor, aged recluse of Hastings, who died August 17, 1917, without any known heirs, leaving an estate of approximately \$100,000, has been declared invalid by Judge Snider in the Adams County court.

Burlington railroad officials have started a drive toward planting 3,600 gardens along the company right-of-way in Nebraska. Station agents and section foremen are urging the townspeople to cultivate the land on the right-of-way.